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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We live in a small semi-rural area in Western Virginia. Our local ISP has served us well for many years. They were an early entry in the business and have a very good record, and they have not rested on their success. They are keeping up with current and developing technology and, limited only by the geographical limitations imposed by our region, they are offering a wide variety of services, from telephone-line-based DSL to fiber, where possible. We use DSL because of those limitations, but when fiber or its replacement, in turn, become practical out here in the country, we will have access to it through our local provider.

Please maintain the competitive arena for small local ISPs by keeping in place reasonable regulations designed to prevent market control by the few largest companies.

Thank you,
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